

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

UNITED STATES

v.

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CRIM. NO.

**ORDER REGARDING USE OF VIDEO CONFERENCING/TELECONFERENCING
FOR FELONY PLEAS AND/OR SENTENCINGS**

In accordance with Standing Order 2020-06, this Court finds:

That the Defendant (or the Juvenile) has consented to the use of video teleconferencing/teleconferencing to conduct the proceeding(s) held today, after consultation with counsel; and

That the proceeding(s) to be held today cannot be further delayed without serious harm to the interests of justice, for the following specific reasons:

Accordingly, the proceeding(s) held on this date may be conducted by:

Video Teleconferencing

Teleconferencing, because video teleconferencing is not reasonably available for the following reason:

The Defendant (or the Juvenile) is detained at a facility lacking video teleconferencing capability.

Other:

Date: August 5, 2021



United States District Judge

ATTACHMENT A

The Court finds that the change of plea / guilty plea hearing to be held on August 5, 2021 cannot be further delayed without serious harm to the interests of justice, for the following reasons:

1. To permit the defendant to obtain a speedy resolution of his case through an admission of guilt, and to afford appropriate punishment and rehabilitation. The defendant has asked for this case to be resolved on August 5, 2021 by guilty plea and for a subsequent timely sentencing.
2. To permit the Government to obtain a resolution of the case so that the Government, already operating in a restricted capacity due to the emergency, may appropriately focus its resources on other, emerging criminal matters. The Government has asked for this case to be resolved on August 5, 2021 by guilty plea and for a subsequent timely sentencing.
3. To ensure that the Court is not overwhelmed by cases and proceedings at the conclusion of this period of emergency. Currently, District Judges in New Jersey handle a substantially larger docket of cases than Judges in other Districts in the United States. New criminal cases continue to be assigned by the Court during the emergency. If the Court cannot resolve matters by guilty plea and sentencing, the resulting backlog will overwhelm the Court's ability to effectively function. The concern of such congestion and the particular harm that likely will be caused by delays in the processing of cases and matters in the future is particularly acute in this emergency.
4. To prevent overcrowding at the facilities housing pre-trial detainees. The detention facilities have a limited capacity. Detainees are

transferred from the detention facilities to prison facilities only after they have been found guilty and sentenced. There is a constant influx of new detainees admitted to the detention facilities. If detainees cannot be transferred to prison facilities, the resulting backlog of detainees will overwhelm the detention facilities.